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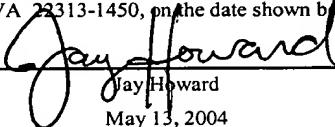
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Title:

LARGE AREA PATTERN EROSION  
SIMULATOR

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.